



**WALPOLE ELDER SERVICES PROPERTY TAX CREDIT PROGRAM (STWOP) FY23
SENIOR TAX WORK OFF PROGRAM (STWOP) AND
VETERANS TAX WORK OFF PROGRAM (VTWOP)**

WHAT IS IT?

- A reduction in property tax in exchange for service to the town.
- Walpole's reimbursement benefit as of today is \$1000 annually. Participants earn minimum wage (\$13.50/hour currently) credit up to \$1000 annually.
- The program was established under M.A. Enabling statute-G.L.c.59 section 5k according to Mass General Law. Individual towns can choose any amount.
- There is currently a maximum of 30 designated STWOP spots for the town and an additional 10 VTWOP spots. The number of positions ultimately filled depends on the needs of the Town and varies year to year.

ELIGIBILITY:

- 60 years old or older.
- Property Owner – You must own your home for the entire year to receive abatement.
- If property is in a trust, it cannot be owned by someone other than yourself.

TIME FRAME:

- For the FY2023 application, hours must be completed between Dec. 1, 2021 and Nov. 30, 2022. When approved by Assessor's office, abatement will be credited to your 3rd quarter (February 2023) tax bill.

AVAILABLE POSITIONS:

- Each Town Department can request tax work off participants to fill needs within their department.
- Departments that have participated in the past have included: COA; Library; Board of Health; School Department; Accounting Department; Department of Public Works; Human Resources; Administration.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- Complete a FY2023 Walpole Tax Work-off Application Form and return to the COA by November 12, 2021.
- A public lottery (date TBD) will be utilized to assign a waitlist position for all applicants. Please note, if you are currently on the waitlist, **and reapply this year**, you will maintain your position on the waitlist. Please note, all participants must reapply every year to be considered.
- Applications will be reviewed and considered for an open position based on your spot on the waitlist.
- Placement in one of the open tax work off positions is not guaranteed; Department Heads/Supervisors have the right to select or reject an applicant based upon qualifications.
- A Town of Walpole Employment Application and other Human Resources paperwork is required to participate in the tax work-off program. CORI check is required.